



## **Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 10**

**Meeting Date:** October 19, 2007

**Meeting Location:** Child Advocates, Indianapolis

**Council Members Present:** Chair Taren Duncan; Maribryan McGeney, MCDCS; Mary Ann West, MCDCS; D'Andrea Abdullah, MCDCS; Judge Marilyn Moores, Marion Superior Court- Juvenile Division; Magistrate Beth Jansen, Marion Superior Court- Juvenile Division; Magistrate Diana Burleson, Marion Superior Court- Juvenile Division; LaJuene Williams; MCDCS; Peggy Surbey; MCDCS

**Council Members Absent:** Rhonda Allen, MCDCS; Susie Kennedy, MCDCS; Maggie Cooper, Foster Parent; Cindy Booth, Child Advocates

**Others In Attendance:** Lisa Plewa, Lisa Harvey, Janice Klein, and Ron Carpenter, Children's Bureau; Barb VanDevender, NYAP- Indiana; Laura Green, Family Works; Allison Creekmore, Valle Vista; Shelvy Kegl, Jr, Midwest Psychological; Michelle Gwaltney, Family Service of Central Indiana; Grant Gray, Adult and Child; John Van Wicklin, Whites Family Services; Tia Cavanaugh-Favors, The Children's Campus; Linda Wrestler, Bethany Christian Services; Angela Reid-Brown, MCDCS; Brant Ping and Jodi Stuck, Marion County Superior Court- Child and Adolescent Placement Project

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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 9:12 a.m.

**I. Call the Meeting to Order**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- a) Minutes from the September 21, 2007 were reviewed by Council. Council reviewed minutes. Surbey made a motion to approve minutes. McGeney seconded the motion. They were approved Council.
- b) Correction to the September 21, 2007 minutes- add LaJeune Williams to the Council Members that were Present.

- c) Minutes will be available on the DCS website. The minutes will be put on the website after Regional Service Council approves the minutes.

### **III. Old Business**

#### **a) Marion County Community Transition Program- presented in June needs final approval**

- i. McGeney asked about how many of these youth had to have a CHINS opened after release. At this time, we only know of about one.
- ii. Judge Moores stated that recidivism rates are running about 10% currently. The overall cost of the program is approximately \$750,000.
- iii. Chris Ball has searched for grants and through the city and through the courts. Both of which turned it down.
- iv. The main concern is- where is the money going to come from? The Family and Children is already overspent.
- v. 98% of the youth that go to DOC go through this program.
- vi. Duncan asked that Chris Ball continue to work with DOC to help fund this program. Judge Moores made a motion to fund the Community Transition Program. Jansen seconded the motion. The Council approved the motion to fund the Community Transition Program through the Family and Children Fund.

#### **b) NACS Amendment- needs approval**

- i. Children's Bureau is applying for an extension of the contract that supports funding for the Neighborhood Alliance for Children Safety(NACS). The current contract expires on 10/31/07. This request would cover the time period of 11/1/07-12/31/08. Children's Bureau would like to be paid for 3 months instead of 4 months. Average at this point is closer to 3 months and CB would like the rate to be structured closer to the NACS East contract which is 3 payments of \$450. This is a 2% increase over the rate structure which is currently in place at NACS East. CB is currently losing money with the current rate structure.
- ii. Abudullah made a motion to approve to extend the NACS contract covering the time period from Nov. 1, 2007- Dec., 31, 2008. This contract will be structured in payments of 3 of \$450.00 Surbey seconded it the motion. The Council

approved to extend the NACS contract and structuring the payments into 3 payments.

**c) Comprehensive Family Profile Rates**

- i. Final rate agreements have been agreed upon by agencies. McGeney made a motion that rates be approved. Abdullah seconded that motion. Council approved the final rates.

**IV. New Business**

**a) Day Reporting Program**

- i. Indianapolis and Marion County have become a site for the Annie E. Casey JDAI. Day reporting has been identified by the JDAI Steering Committee as one of the alternatives programs that is needed in Marion County. Marion Superior Court will be contracting with Goodwill Industries to operate a Day Reporting Program in the Juvenile Court Annex. As proposed, it would also dedicate a certain number of slots for post-disposition cases that youth may be diverted from residential placements, thus reducing those costs. The target population is 25 pre- and post adjudicated youth (at any time), active with the court for a delinquency referral, and not currently attending school. Goodwill Program will be providing individualized educational programming, life skills training, community service projects, drivers education, etc. CHINS youth will also have access to this program. Cost to this program will be \$80 per day for 6 days per week. The 9 post-disposition slots will be reserved for youth who would normally be placed in a residential facility. The costs avoided by diverting these to Day reporting would be approx. \$64,800 per month (based 30 days at an average of \$240/day). The total cost to have 25 youth in the Day Reporting Program would be \$48,000 per month, thereby reducing the expenditures from the Family and Children's Fund by approx. \$16,800 per month.
  - ii. McGeney made a motion to approve the Goodwill program. Judge Moores 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The council approved the use of the Family and Children Funds for the Goodwill Program.
- b) Helping Babies from the Bench- Judge Moores**
- i. Judge Moores presented a video to the Council to watch during the meeting. The 0-3 Program applies the science of early childhood development to decision making, judges can break the cycle of maltreatment that plagues families involved

in the child welfare system. Judge Moores will have more information at the next Regional Service Council meeting.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** November 16, 2007, 9:00 a.m. This will be held at Choices 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Mary Stewart Training Room.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 10:42 a.m.